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cision 2,765, but no exemption from tax is allowed unless the producer is so registered.

"It is apparently this tax exempting provision which has been the principal source of confusion. It has seemingly been supposed that the effect of the provision is to allow the production of 200 gallons of intoxicating wine for use in the home free from the restrictions imposed by the national prohibition act. The provision has no such effect. It relates to taxation solely and does not affect the restrictions imposed by the national prohibition act."

Concerning the activities of persons supplying material and equipment for the production liquor in the home the statement quotes the prohibition law and says:

It is illegal to furnish stills, parts of stills, worms or coils, malt extract or sirups, unfermented fruit juices, such as grape, or any fermentable material, recipes or formulas, for the manufacture of liquor for use in the home or elsewhere for beverage purposes.

"It is a violation of this section to manufacture, sell, or possess for sale, except to a person holding a permit under the national prohibition act, malt extract with hops and clarifier for the manufacture of cereal beverages of malt liquor.

"No property rights exist in the materials, malt extract, grape must, stills, etc., intended for use or for sale for use, in the manufacture of liquor in the home or elsewhere in violation of the national prohibition act or in the liquor made therefrom, and the same may be seized and forfeited under Section 25 of Title II of the act."

### RUTH BRYAN OWEN

If Ruth Bryan Owen were not the daughter of William Jennings Bryan, she would still be entitled to fame from achievement with her illustrious father.

The prejudice against the woman platformist gradually abates. Opportunity more generally afforded for public speaking in many departments of modern life, coupled with the gradual breaking down of medieval sex repression of women in public affairs, accounts for it. No woman who has appeared on the platform during my more than twenty years of work with it has done more to influence our constituency in favor of her sisters than has Ruth Bryan Owen.

She is truly a cosmopolitan, made so by her life. As the wife of a British army officer she has lived in many of the British dependencies, including Egypt, India and Palestine. She has lived in England, France and other European countries and extensively traveled them. In the role of a British army nurse she participated in the greatest tragedy of the war-the Gallipoli campaign, and later in the Palestine expedition. She has seen, experienced, endured and helped more than most women if they should live a thousand years. Out of it all a great character has been formed.

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So she has much to say to her audiences, and she has an earnest desire to be of service where she speaks. She has personality, an unusual voice, wit and humor and a commanding presence. She is energy, enthusiasm, optimism, ambition, radiant health united in one woman. If you hear her you will become greatly interested in the motion picture she has recently completed at Miami, Florida. The setting is Egyptian. The scenario, the costumes, the production entire was made under her personal direction. New York distributors have offered handsome sums for this production and inducements for future films.

But you will discover that her principal vocation in life is that of wife and mother. The family of five-husband and four childrenare the dominant motif in her existence. She lectures, produces films, does active club work as avocations, but her great theme in life is being wife and mother .- The Lyceum Magazine.

### NINETEEN SYSTEMS

A Washington dispatch, dated Sept. 28, says: A tentative plan for consolidation of all major American railroads into nineteen great competing systems was announced today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.



Jesus vs. War, by Rev. D. F. Adams, A. M. Milton Fuller & Son, Publishers, Lebanon; Mo. Price 50 cents, Postage 2 cents.

Masterful Personality. By Orison Swett Marden. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, Publishers, New York. Price \$2.00 net. Postage extra.

What Japan Wants. By Yoski S. Kuno, Assistant Professor, Oriental Department, University of California. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York. Price \$1.00 net. Postage extra.

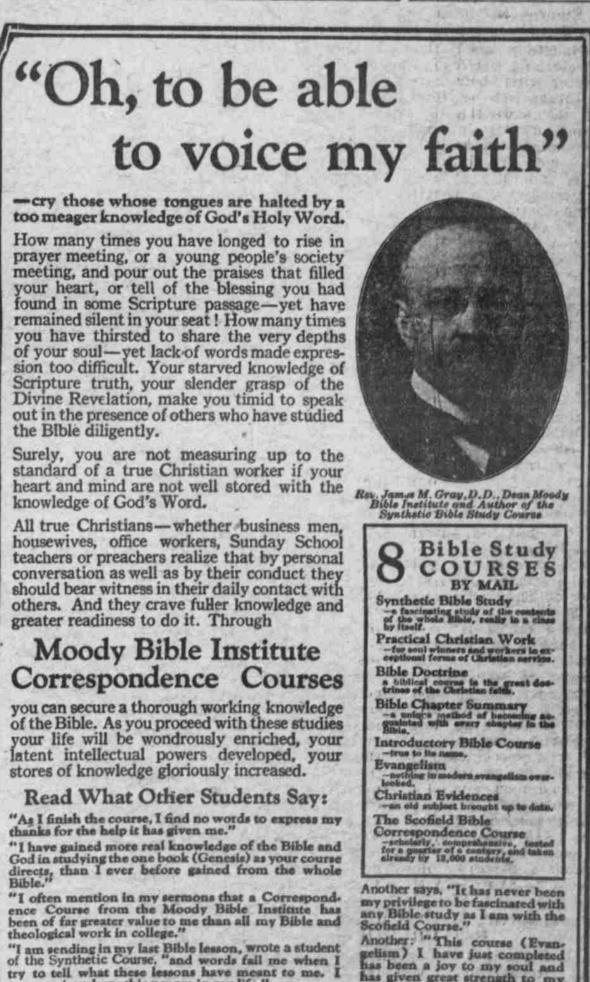
The Isolation Plan with Papers on the Covenant. By William H. Blymyer. The Cornhill Publishing Company, 2 A Park street, Boston, Mass. Price \$2.00 net.

School Manual. By Francis Cummins income tax, election of United States

"Brother or Brute," at the Miami Valley Chautauqua near Dayton.

Mr. Bryan as usual did not disappoint his audience, which numbered several thousand, the vast tabernacle being filled to overflowing. He was on time and seems he retains that same magnetism of speech as when he first appeared on the platform. For two hours he held the audience spellbound. All admire him for his conscientious, patriotic attitude on all questions that conduce to the good and happiness of mankind.

Although thrice chosen as the leader by his party as its choice for the presidency and as often defeated, he has never been conquered, but despite defeat he ever kept his face to the front, and since his political debut has enjoyed the privilege of seeing enacted into laws more of the policies and principles which he honcstly, courageously and persistently advocated than any other person, liv-Public Speaking Today. A High ing or dead. Among them were the senators by the people, prohibition the constitution. To his untiring, tenacious efforts is due the success of national prohibition and the demise of John Barleycorn, second only to the W. C. T. U. organization. It was our pleasure to hear him at the national Democratic convention at San Francisco deliver his remarkable address when making the minority report on the platform. The prolonged applause there indexed the esteem in which he was held. To Mr. Bryan is due the credit of first formulating the principles embodied in the League of Nations pact, which he inserted in his treaties signed by thirty nations during his service as secretary of state. To him Woodrow Wilson owes his nomination at the Baltimore convention in 1912, and last, but not least, did Wilson owe his second election to the great commoner, who, although retiring from the cabinet, continued loyal to the administration. Viewed from these various angles. morally, physically, intellectually, religiously and politically, we feel safe in saying the country, yes, the world, does not produce his equal. What public man has been weighed in the balance and found less wanidescription of condition. direction of condition. direction of condition. vocating the rights of the common people, wherein does there lie a stigma on his life. We gave him our support each time he was in the race for president and would like a chance again in 1924. 'Rah for Bryan .-- J. A. Eideumil'er, Englewood, Ohio,



Lockwood, A. M., Head of Department of Public Speaking University and woman suffrage, now written in of Oregon. Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., Publishers, Chicago, New York, Boston.

Songs of A Man Who Failed. The Poetical Writings of Henry Clinton Parkhurst. The Woodruff Press, Publishers, Lincoln, 'Neb.

Japan and America. By Yone Noguchi, Professor of English Literature in Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, Keio University Press, Orientalia, 22 East 60th St., New York City, Price \$1.75.

### MR. BRYAN IN OHIO

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