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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Bible Thought for Today

DEATH OR LIFE:—To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.—Romans 8:6.

SEEING THINGS AS THEY ARE.

We used to believe that all this "Smile, smile, smile" propaganda was a fine thing, but now, like Old Walt Mason, the jingle poet, we have come to know that the fellow who smiles all the time and refuses to accept conditions as they are is a nut.

There comes a time when the smiler is a nuisance, although generally we all love a light, fluffy character better than we do a serious one—love him for an instant, love to hear his effervescent sort of entertainment—but when we want anything done or want to know something for sure we always undertake to stop the serious fellow who really thinks.

For several years we have all listened to the smile propaganda; we have delved headlong into anything and everything that came along especially when it was presented by some pleasing countenance with a smile, but it looks to the Evening Observer that from now on we would have to take a somewhat different course.

Seeing things as they really are is quite a blessing and all eye-glasses should be retuned and readjusted to do that very thing. When we hear the glorious side of a proposition put up for the public to consider, it should be a case of looking under the veneer before action is taken. When we hear the political tune sung sweetly we should examine carefully the one who sings that tune.

Let everyone look things straight in the face for a while.

President Harding should not overlook the fellow who really works, or wants to work at a fair wage in his strike declarations. The class that is weighting down the government and society is not the fellows who are striking, they are the tremendous class of middlers who create nothing and earn nothing, but receive large incomes from brokerage and other middle avenues of the system which we term business. They are the boys who are giving the president and the entire country the headaches.

The helper engines have been pulled off duty and Mayor Martin King of Kamela announces he will pick huckleberries for a time at least.

Judging from the lady auto tourists who daily go through La Grande the time has arrived when women are wearing the pants.

Anyway the Hall-Olcott recount for governor will furnish considerable top of column reading matter during the warm days.

The Highway commission and the governor of the state are always honored guests in this city.

Forty cherries on one little stem is the way Cove is raising them this year.

Welcome to those surveyors who have set the stakes on the Cove highway.

And with the open air concert comes the forest fires each year.

Big Stick for Coal Industry.

For three months the coal strike has drifted along, uncontrolled and with little effort for control. Then the calling of a conference between operators and miners gave sudden hope of a solution. That conference, however, has started drifting along as aimlessly as the strike itself.

The public, hitherto apathetic, will be getting mad if this goes on much longer. So far the lack of production has not pinched very hard. But supplies are running low, industry is beginning to find itself hampered in its time of arrival, and the winter looms not many months ahead, with empty coal bins in thousands of factories and millions of cellars. The northwest, operated and warmed in winter by soft coal from the middle west, will be doomed to sit and freeze unless full production starts quickly. The whole country will suffer privation and enormous loss of industrial opportunity.

President Harding, in calling the coal conference, made a threat of government operation if two sides failed to agree. That would be an enormously big and difficult thing, but it could be done; and operators should understand clearly that it may be done if they continue in their stubborn disregard of the public welfare.

Health for Graduates.

Dr. Royal Copeland, in a recent health letter, urges the young people who graduated from high school and colleges this year to keep up systematically the physical exercises which played so important a part in their school training. There is no doubt that the young man or woman who follows his advice will benefit as the doctor prophesies.

"It is not uncommon," says Dr. Copeland, "for boys and girls to lose their rosy cheeks immediately after leaving high school, or young men and women after college. It is not work or new surroundings which have caused the change. It is the neglect of familiar exercise, the regular hours and the well directed life."

This is timely counsel for the young graduate who is prone to believe that all which pertained to school life is over because school days are done, and who is especially prone to underestimate the importance of the instruction which he received in the care and development of his body.

The healthy mind in the healthy body is the modern ideal in education, and the youth who neglects his physical welfare when his schooling is over has failed to grasp one of the fundamentals of his training.

"America House"

Americans to the rescue! American House, the dwelling at St. Die, France, in which the name "America" is said to have been first suggested for the newly discovered continent, is to be sold soon at public auction. Unless it is taken over by persons sufficiently interested to preserve it as a museum it must follow other famous landmarks to the dust of oblivion.

In 1911 exercises were held in the house commemorative of its share in history and an effort was made then to secure its preservation. The widow of American Ambassador Robert Bacon was present at the ceremonies and hoped to be able to make a gift of the house to the city, but the tax upon gifts of this type is prohibitive at the time and her plan had to be abandoned.

There probably are few Americans who ever heard of the town or the house or know that circumstances surrounded the first proposing of the mighty name which today figures so prominently in most mundane calculations. Yet there is another link binding French and American history together.

It is to be hoped that sufficient patriotic sentiment exists to save the house for future generations. In the meantime a little history study might not come amiss.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—

It is claimed that poison ivy can be cured by applying gasoline. What is the antidote for gasoline?

New skirts, according to a fashion journal are being made of cane. But where are they trading rods short enough?

HENRI THE WAITER

"Do you like this jazz music, Henri?"

"But no. It is not art."

"Then you do not care for it?"

"But yes. It is helpful when you drop a dish."

A woman's weakness is her strength. It is one thing that will knock a man flat.

"Now, Jerry," said the offensive miss, "before I consent to marry you, I want to know, do you drink anything?"

"Oh, sure," murmured Jerry. "Anything."

According to Sir Conan Doyle games are played in the other world. Mortals have always found spirits especially adept at hide-and-seek.

A certain woman tells the Office Cat that she is not a bit jealous of she has the money he spent on his husband's old girls, but wishes them.

A MATTER OF DIET

A negro employed at one of the movie studios in Hollywood was drafted in a directing to do a novel comedy scene with a lion.

"You get into this bed," ordered the director, "and we'll bring the lion in and put him in bed with you. It will be a scream."

"Put a lion in bed wid me?" yelled the negro. "No, sah! Not-a-tall. Ah quits right heah and now at once."

"But," protested the director, only the fools duplicate them. How was brought up on milk?"

"So was I brung up on milk," wailed the negro, "but an eats meat now."

The wisest make mistakes but only the fools duplicate them.

A man in Atlanta, Ga., sat on a jury that granted a divorce to his wife. No one would know better than he if she was entitled to it.

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A newspaper doctor says one is always in danger of infection if he sits nearer than five feet to the person he is conversing with, and the mystery is how to do the attractive young members of the porch swing crowd manage to keep so well, considering the chances we understand they take.

The taxpayer is beginning to suspect there are no "cheaper cats" in the Congressional Pork Barrel.

HEALTH AND WEALTH

He spent his health to get his wealth.

And then, with mind and mein,

He turned around and spent his wealth

To get his health again.

IN A BOARDING HOUSE

"Where are you married, dear," said he, "we won't have to live in a boarding house like this."

"No," said she, and she had a firm jaw, "I hope we can move to a better one."

FORUM

Editor Observer: As the shopmen's strike is one of the all-absorbing issues of the day I wish the Evening Observer would print the following article:

Congressman W. D. Upshaw wired President Jewett from Atlanta, Ga., under date of July 8th, as follows: "All addressing today over 200 chaperons in the city auditorium here I was gratefully impressed with their law-abiding and conciliatory spirit and loyalty to leadership. They join me in congratulating you on your conservative announcement and also to our honorable negotiation toward an early settlement, naturally feeling that wages and transportation rates should always be adjusted on a square deal reciprocal basis. These men declare they desire only justice, leaving the equity of their case to the fair-minded American people and praying God to give you wisdom in effecting speedy and amicable settlement."

ONE OF THE MEN.

COMMISSION SEES ILL OMEN

Decay of Nation Forecast if People Keep on Present Track in Report Just Issued.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Uttering a "solemn warning to the men and women of America," that "this nation will decay and finall perish when American homes cease to revere God," the report of the Joint Commission on Home and Family Life, which will be presented to the triennial General Convention of the Episcopal church meeting in Portland, Oregon, September 6 next, was made public today.

"Advanced culture did not save past civilization; did not prevent Germany plunging into a gulf of infamy. Upon America's consecration to God depends her fates," say the report, which contains an exhaustive study of social and industrial conditions in the United States with particular reference to home life.

The Commission was appointed by the Episcopal General Convention six years ago, and includes in its personnel some of the most distinguished of the bishops, clerical and lay members of the Church. Among other subjects which are frankly treated are those of marriage, divorce and birth control. The report contains a strong recommendation against the latter. Rev. Charles Noyes Tyndell, S. T. D., of Williamsport, Pa., secretary of the Commission, in transmitting the report, says that the whole effort of the Commission has been to present to the country a vital message in as concise form as possible.

"Even a cursory glance at conditions in the average American home reveals evidence sufficient to warrant the most careful study of those influences now affecting those homes from the standpoint of morals and religion," the report continues. "The attitude toward youth, even more than the attitude of youth, will scarcely bear severe scrutiny.

"We touch the root of our family problem when we point to the lack of religion in the home. It is paralyzing to think of the average American family going on from the rising to the retiring hour as if God had no existence. Sunday is a day for extra sleep, motoring, Sunday papers in many volumes, comic supplements. If American children are not to be taught of God in the schools, and He is unnamed in the home, what can we expect but that at this moment the United States is actually developing into a non-Christian nation?"

Touching upon domestic life in America, the report says:

"Where family life is dishonored, wedding unfaithfulness lightly regarded, parental responsibility neglected, filial respect and obedience slighted, there, we may be sure, society is rotten at the core. We tremble for the future of a state or nation where lax theories concerning domestic life gain ground. Even laxer practice will certainly prevail.

"The remedy for the frightful dissolution of the marriage tie is going on in America and its inevitable consequence of race suicide is to be found in Christian training alone. Remedial legislation while imposing difficulties in the way of easy annulment does not go to the root of the evil. It attacks many outward symptoms of the disease and is of undoubted value, but it does not destroy the germ of the evil or cure it at its source.

"Boys and girls must be taught as early as possible that the chief purpose of marriage is the perpetuation of the race, involving the begetting and education of children for the work of the world. Marriage is a high and holy vocation because the married pair are co-operating with the creator in the continuance of the human race.

"This Commission heartily endorses the warning uttered by the great Lambeth Conference of Bishops, gathered from all over the world in London in 1920, against the practice of means for the avoidance of conception as involving grave dangers to physical health as well as moral innocence and threatening the future of the human race. We make our own the words of the Conference Committee, as applying in particular to the United States."

The report was signed by Rt. Rev. William H. Moreland D. D., Bishop of Sacramento who is chairman of the Commission; Rt. Rev. Sidney Catlin Partridge D. D., Bishop of West Missouri; Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., Bishop of Western New York; Rt. Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner D. D., Bishop of Oregon; Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Central New York; Rt. Rev. John C. Ward, Bishop of Erie; Rev. J. H. Melish, of Brooklyn; Rev. Edwin S. Lane, of Los Angeles; Rev. E. S. Travers, D. D., of Pittsburgh; Robert A. Woods, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, James M. Bull and Frank Spittle.

COOLIES ARE UNIONIZING

HONG KONG, July 20.—The lowly Chinese wage-earner, perhaps the most abject of all the world's toilers, is just learning of the power he is able to wield through the medium of organization, and like a great flood the movement to form various trade guilds is sweeping the country.

It was barely more than a year ago that China witnessed its first important strike. Since then the latter class have experienced walkouts in almost all classes of work, with the result that business is demoralized, transportation is so uncertain that merchants refuse to ship, and in many cases the public health is menaced through strikes of street sweepers and water-works employees.

At the present time in Canton carpenters, painters, school teachers, butchers, street sweepers and city employes are on strike, while the seamen and launchmen, who about recently returned to work, are on the verge of another walkout. The city of Macao is in the thick of a general strike, which is almost a state of siege. The casualties to date have been 40 killed and nearly 200 wounded.

The situation in this city is similar to that in Canton, although here even the beggars and thieves have formed unions which they are using for political purposes. The sanitary conditions in Foochow, the purely Chinese section of Hong Kong, is said to be deplorable, as the street sweepers, garbage collectors and water carriers are out to a man.

The seamen's strike here has had a tremendous effect all over the Far East, as it has given the laborers confidence in their new guilds and stimulated their desire for better living conditions. The seamen have been so successful in forcing their demands that they now talk of going into the shipping business for themselves. The men are being asked to subscribe five dollars each, and judging from the eagerness with which they are responding the backers of the project expect soon to have a steamer running between here and Canton.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTEMPLATED

Many improvements will be made on the buildings of the public school system in La Grande before the fall term opens. Bids are being received this week for the contracting of the work and it is expected to have the bids all let by Monday evening. Work will commence immediately following the letting of the bids.

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