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YE WOULD NOT: O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.—Isaiah 48:18.

THE OFFICE CAT

ONE TOOT HERE

The fresh brakeman approached the lunch counter Jane with a look of tenderness in his eye.
"Little dear," he began, as he started to encircle her waist with his arm.
"Down brakes, kiddo," she interrupted. "You're going around a dangerous curve."

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who wore so many pins in the vicinity of her waist line that you got your hand all scratched up?

If you would prosper put things over instead of talking them over.

There are fewer horses than in the old days—and less horse sense.

She swears she has never been kissed. Maybe that's why she swears.

Sometimes we think it ought to be written, "He has all the disadvantages of youth."

Some girls don't write home from college for several weeks at a stretch while some run out of spending money every few days.

RURAL DREAM IN FASHION

The girl stood on the wagon deck. Her feet were growing bunions; She wore no lace around her neck And her breath it smelled of onions.

She was a picture of the farm. The tan had kissed her freckles, Her eyes were crossed, there was no charm, Her hands were hard as knuckles.

She stood in silence for a while. My gaze, it was then thwarted, Her apron strings were tied in knots, And her nose was somewhat warted.

She was no flapper of this day. Her hair it hung in braids; She was used to pinching hay, And tan, she wore for bracelets.

If this dear girl should fall in love, And seek to change her fashion; She'd be a stickler I am sure And not the one to mash on.

DON'T

The fourth husband of a well known actress divorced her recently because he found another man in her flat when he raided it. Moral: If you are happy as the husband of a lady who has been married often, don't call on her unexpectedly.

The sport lover who is satisfied in watching a wrestling match is satisfied easily.

Some men believe they are entirely self-made because they have forgotten all the help they received.

When you meet a person with whom you can't reason let him have the last word at once.

Give a boy everything he wants and some day he will be wanting a pardon from the governor.

The age of romance is any age between 7 and 90.

Millionaire will build a new home costing \$1,000,000. That looks as though the plumbing is included.

Looking Into the Future

Business citizens and other fellow citizens, pay strict attention to this paragraph from the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. The paragraph follows others describing the solidity of American commerce and finance.

"Enough forces are operating, therefore," he writes, "to make us cautious in estimating the prospects for the future, and take care lest we build on a false basis. Business in this country cannot progress indefinitely without its foreign markets, and undue expansion now, with rising costs and artificial values, inevitably sow the seeds of reaction and make more difficult the re-establishment of normal relationships abroad."

Whoever masters the significance of every point and implication in that paragraph will have a safe guide for business management all through 1923, and he will be able to forecast the universal commercial trend for several years in the future. Those lines are prophecy emanating from the fundamental laws of trade.

Business will be brisk all of next year, or, at least, during more than three-fourth of the year. Yet, Mr. Mellon says, conditions necessitate caution, and he calls very particular attention to the danger of "rising costs and artificial values" constituting "undue expansion now." He goes on to say, after first declaring that we absolutely need foreign trade, that inflation will "make more difficult the re-establishment of normal relationship abroad."

Mr. Mellon means that other nations, with whom we shall have to trade and compete, will have low costs and prices, with high values, as against our high costs and prices, with low values, and the disparity would be detrimental to us if we failed to exercise caution. The Secretary hints impressively that permanent prosperity is linked with reasonable prices.

It behooves us to keep a close watch on costs and prices, especially after the middle of next year, as they will be the indicators of business change. We should be business on an enormous scale this year, but, as Mr. Mellon says, let us be cautious.

Trial by Publicity

It seems that in certain sections of the country the prosecution of crime is in process of being transferred from courts of justice to courts of public opinion. From East, West, North and South reports of murders and subsequent prosecutions point to the same decadence of justice and its methods. The murderer or murderess that figures in so-called emotional killings can generally be counted on to leap into the news columns, preferably on the front page, with pictures, by means of sensational disclosures that may or may not be true, but are invariably loaded with melodrama. The next move is by sensational newspapers. Seizing the opportunity thus offered to feed their readers' morbid taste and hunger for the sordid that has been whetted by the killer's story, they rake the muck in the lives of both the victim and the slayer, to make the story of passion and crime complete.

Not to be outdone in publicity, prosecuting attorneys and detectives and others concerned in law enforcement too often take their cue from the killer and the sensational press, and jump into the limelight with great show of determination to see to it that the law is avenged—and bid for public attention with justice-thwarting disclosures of theories and evidence. The pictorial layout of such cases is not complete if beneath the pictures of victim and killer there is not an inset showing the prosecuting attorney or the detective in charge of the case sunk in profound thought, presumably pondering over clues that have been detected by his superior skill.

In the meantime the court of public opinion is sitting on the case, trying the accused by rules of sentiment instead of by those of evidence, applying prejudice instead of law to the facts—and reaching a verdict accordingly. Such procedure is a sickening commentary on law enforcement in the sections where it is followed.

The Days of Disaster

Appalling is the news report from the tragedy surrounding the collapse of the Kelso, Washington, bridge. People drove onto a bridge that had been used more than a quarter of a century with a feeling of perfect safety. They had no thought of what happened. In the space of a single moment the bridge gave way, sending a hundred souls into the surging waters of the Cowlitz river.

It demonstrates the uncertainty of life. It proves that anything may happen at any time. It drives from one's innermost thought that feeling of safety in life, of security in one's own habits and mode of living.

The whole northwest weeps with sympathy with relatives and friends of those who perished.

It is not yet decided whether the increased life insurance business of the past year is the result of better times or of women's straighter shooting.

A Danish prince, forced to earn a living, has joined the French army. "Soldiering" is an appropriate job for royalty.

The shortest day of the year is in December, but many persons will experience some short days when January bills come due.

Editorials From Over the Nation

NO ROOM FOR THE GAMBLER

Detroit News: Of all the new states that recent times have seen come to independence, none exceeds Australia in individual liberty and frankness of expression. The Australian does mostly what he pleases and is both contemptuous and resentful of any effort to curtail his independence.

It is now, without significance, that Sydney, New South Wales, is conducting a vigorous campaign against race track gambling, with the full support, apparently, of the reputable press. Almost identical conditions have arisen with these in this country and in Canada.

The books have built up fortunes for won. The organ was installed. Since the book-makers and the population the issue was one of conscience. It is beginning to ask whether goes all humanity could not, of course, be this money and what value is re-appeared. In matters of conscience, one and the truth are a majority.

A MARTYR MACHINE

Lincoln State Journal: Modern civilization receives another vindication in the case of the rent and raked congregation at Berkeley, Union county, Kentucky. Here arose a religious schism of an old and tormenting kind. A part of the congregation, refuting the faith of their fathers, desired to introduce a musical instrument into the services of the church. Another part, holding the innovation to be of evil, opposed it with might and main and there was one of the bitter struggles with which the history of theology is strewn.

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The peculiar discovery has been and cannot be denied. The outraged made that, while the law frowns on minority of the Kentucky church small boys tossing pennies, on neighborhood raffles and other forms of was to take the offending organ out change, it is legal and theoretically doors, put into one over it, and

respectable to pitchfork the week's salary on the reputation, usually false, of an alleged thoroughbred race-horse.

Sydney has decided this is absurd and that, for the sake of the reputable element of society, the books must be suppressed, or at least discouraged, and that the best way of accomplishing this is by putting the shifty professional gambler outside the pale of the law, as should be done everywhere in the civilized world and as the state intends to do.

It's none of our business, but as Lenin recovers from death after death we can't help wondering what kind of glands he uses.

Of course men are intelligent. Don't they always show signs of reason after an industrial controversy has cost them millions?

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AT STAR THEATRE

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As we complete 36 years of successful banking in La Grande we desire to thank most sincerely our many patrons and the public who have assisted in making possible this record.

We also desire to wish the citizens of La Grande and Union County a most Happy and Prosperous New Year, and we trust that the year 1923 may be replete with happiness and success for them.

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