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**GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER.**—Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.—Revelation 4:11.

## Franklin's Greatness

Benjamin Franklin was too long regarded as one of the lesser lights of the American Revolution. In truth, he outshone any of his contemporaries, not excepting Washington, in general all-round ability and intellect. His autobiography should be on the bookshelf, not of every library, but of every home. As an example of courage, modesty and thrift it is unparalleled.

Sentiment is turning toward putting Franklin on the pedestal where properly he belongs. The bankers have seized upon his birthday, January 17, as an opportunity for an annual thrift propaganda, and this week has been designated as Thrift Week.

And a good thing, too. Thrift is the one thing Americans have to learn if they hope to keep up the high standard of living they now enjoy. "A penny saved is a penny earned," was a saying of Franklin's that has become a classic, and never was a truer one.

One should not overlook, however, the more inspiring things about this printer's apprentice who became great. He walked with kings and talked with nobles, and they did him honor. He brought to America respect in Europe at a time when a more volatile ambassador to France might have worked serious injury to the cause of the Revolution. Let us by all means honor Franklin. But more than that let us not forget Franklin the great.

## Tax-Exempt Securities

Opposition to a constitutional amendment forbidding further issuance of tax-exempt securities that is based on the allegation that it would infringe on state rights to an objectionable degree is untenable.

The right to issue tax-exempt securities is not an essential prerogative of state sovereignty. Such issuance works unfairly against the interests of the people of the nation as a whole, and states that indulge in it abuse rather than use the existing right to do so. The proposed amendment does not aim at transferring the power to issue exempt bonds from the states to the United States. It would prohibit their issuance by both national and state governments.

Its object is to enlist the co-operation of states with the federal government in renouncing a privilege that is manifestly open to abuse.

## End Of The World

Once more the end of the world is heralded as near at hand. This time the spokesman of a religious sect generally broadcast the dread prophecy. Frequently the message of destruction has been read from the stars or from dreams, but the latest forecast is apparently based on the general stress and strain to which the world has been subjected by the great war as pointing to its wind-up.

While the most recent prophets of world destruction do not name the date of extinction, they appear to be none the less certain in their conviction that it is close upon us. But this will not be accepted by those who have grown hardened to such prophecies as warranting them in relaxing watch over their coal supply.

## Hard To Answer

What alcoholic content makes a beverage intoxicating? That is the question the commission proposed by a bill just introduced in congress would be called on to decide. This is more easily asked than answered. What is an intoxicant for one may be a non-intoxicant for another. For variation in capacity of drinkers is a fact that all whose memory antedates the eighteenth amendment will verify.

After laboring with this question, the commission, if the legislation creating it should be enacted, could ease itself back to less vexing problems by tackling some simple question—as, for instance, determination of the beauty content that makes a maiden's eye intoxicating.

An unflinching sign of puppy love is a youths attempt to look stern.

Some persons run up bills and then have to be run down by collectors.

The only way to protect some persons from themselves is to put them in jail.

The man who sings his own praises is quite sure to be out of tune with other folks.

The man who operates on credit has to be mighty careful what the neighbors say about him.

## THE OFFICE CAT

**A DARE OF A JOURNALIST GONE WRONG.**  
Versailles, Ind., Republican.  
Our father, who aint much on remembering names, handed us this news item last week: "What's his name, at Lawrenceburg, who lives right across the street from that fellow who runs the store on the corner, has sold his farm to what you call him, out there on Aurora pike."

Ima Stinger says the fisherman and the duck hunter always bring back more excuses than anybody else.

A Swedish scientist has discovered a fish with ears. It ought not to be any trouble to keep its ears clean.

In some northern towns they will play golf on the ice this winter, and it is about the only thing they will have on the ice, too.

**A PROHIBITION EPITAPH.**  
Here lies the body of Frederick LeFarge.  
His death is too sad for description. He was killed by the mob in a terrible charge.  
When he carelessly dropped his prescription.

Cv Kology says a man isn't down until he is down in the mouth.

**HE MUSTA BEEN TALKING FOR MONEY.**  
(From an Exchange)

A Sandersville, (Ga.) minister grabbed a shotgun and killed a song bird, which he claimed interrupted his sermon. All of which proves he is a good shot if not a good minister.

We shall always believe that it was more by design than accident, that one New York evening paper put a headline referring to the chicken show over a bunch of photographs of Broadway actresses.

We took a package of dull safety razor blades to the sharpener and found, when we got 'em back that they were duller than before. We know one bird who seems just to squawk 'em and wrap 'em up and hand 'em back to you.

If you write verses advertising soap, soap and cosmetics, you'll never be known as one of the immortals, but you will have a bigger bank account.

**SLAM, SLIP AND SLID.**  
A collegian stood  
At balina and Fayette,  
A Ford hit him,  
He's going yet.

**WHERE?**  
Newspaper headline says: "Bardit Was Shot in the Holdup." Must have hit him in the suspenders.

There would be a terrible shortage in the lumber supply if splinters were placed on broken promises.

**BUZZING ALONG.**  
Amos Tash says a lot of people who can't live on their incomes seem to be living on wheels most of the time.

"Can the flapper make her way?" asks a professor. She does not have to make her way. She has it.

The Searcher After Knowledge:  
"Father, do tell me why thim' the thea blue when it geth in my bucket?"

## BRIEF PUNCHES

Philadelphia North American: Miss May London Baker of Chicago evidently thought her fiancé would marry in spite of all hindrances. His name is McConnick.

Ashville Times: "Money has wings" out the outward posture, but it truttles all round when it is coming back.

Paul Dispatch: The radio it is hoped will cure confessions among towns people on farms. Thinking the cities as dull as the radio concerts they won't want to come.

Little Rock Arkansas Gazette: The National Unadorned association has decided to use warmer colors for decoration. While they are about it, can't they decide on warmer colors for to-be-wedding dresses?

## Unposed



This picture of a golden eagle was one of the many unusual photographs taken by a committee of the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals. Unpossessed of any concealed trap set the next, the eagle came to rest within camera range.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### TWO PHASES OF LIFE.

Edward Bok in Scribner's: What the average man cannot get through his head is the idea of dividing his life between two periods—one of resignation and the other of distribution. John D. Rockefeller seemed this and has reached the age of 62 doing it and playing golf, with his mind active enough with his distributions so as to keep him vitally interested, while all his other associates in Standard Oil who failed to do it have passed off. But Mr. Rockefeller had the divination to see that time comes to a man who has acquired what he must cease taking out of the world and begin putting something into it. A man's life is like the soil of a farm; the point comes when he must put into the soil what he has taken out, else life becomes barren and unproductive.

We need not amass the fortune of a Rockefeller. His is an extreme case of enormous wealth. It is not so much the man who has made money in large quantities as the man who has large executive ability, who has used this gift from God to build himself up and his family—who having acquired ample means is entirely able, if he wishes, to turn his ability from further personal aggrandizement to a similar achievement in a field where he will build up some effective instrument for others. The sooner this man realizes that no inner and complete satisfaction will come to him if he persists in his self-centered course, the sooner he gets the truth into his mind that from those to whom much has been given much is expected; the sooner it comes to him that what is his today has come to him from the public and should in a measure go back to that public; the sooner he realizes that we who are so fortunate in the future be remembered by our children not by the money we were able to make and pile up, but by what we did with it when we got it—the sooner we will see a more contented race of American men instead of a growing proportion of men who, in offices and on the street and on golf-courses, are dragging in their tracks from stains on their hearts, overworked in the race for more power, more money, and more self-centered achievement.

### UP TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Fairbank News: Make automobile owners furnish a bond to protect those they injure by reckless driving in the possible suggestion of that sensible paper, the St. Peter Herald. Too many times the man who wrecks another's car or causes injury or death has nothing but a mortgaged automobile and nothing can be collected from him.

### SEEKS TWO RECALLS.

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 18.—Recall proceedings were begun here Monday against County Judge Bunnell and County Commissioner Short. The petitions were drafted at the instance of S. E. Iombie, well-known rancher, and were another outgrowth of the Klamath county courthouse controversy. Bunnell and Short are accused of carrying on useless and expensive litigation in an attempt to complete and occupy one courthouse, despite the fact that the state supreme court decided in 1920 that the contract for another was legal and compelled the county to pay the full amount. While no definite selections of recall candidates have been made, several are mentioned. Among them are Lindsay Slemore of Fort Klamath, George Offield of Merrill, Jesse Parker of Bly and Robert Cheyere of Mount Lake, all ranchers.

### BEND NEEDS CLEANING.

BEND, Jan. 18.—That Bend is in need of a thorough clean-up was declared from the bench this morning by Circuit Judge Duffy, sitting as juvenile judge in cases of juvenile delinquency involving five girls of tender age.

In addition to startling revelations made by girls which were said to involve a number of local men, an elderly witness, a boy of 17, testified that he had been buying liquor from bootleggers for months.

The women's civic league and local churches have taken a firm stand in the investigation now being directed by District Attorney Moore, demanding that the persons responsible for the downfall of the children be brought to justice.

### CRASH KILLS SIX.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 18.—Four teachers from a school in an outlying district and two pupils were dead today from injuries received late yesterday when a speeding northbound train, Topeka & Santa Fe passenger train struck their automobile.

Ruth Howard, 24, and Etalia McFadden, 24, lived until early today, dying of internal injuries at a hospital. The others, Cora Phelan, 29; Mrs. Opal Darnell, 28; Henry Marlowe, 9, and Frank Davis, 10, were killed instantly.

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## BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL HOLD TOURNEY

(By Associated Press)  
CHENEY, Wash., Jan. 18.—Eight Indian Empire high schools' basketball teams to participate in elimination contests to determine the best eight Indian Empire teams to appear in the third annual basketball tournament held under the auspices of the state normal school here, March 2 and 3.

The best teams from Shoshone and Cootenai counties in Idaho, and from Spokane, Stevens, Whitman, Lincoln, Grant and Adams counties in Washington, have been invited to enter the elimination contests. The team winning the tournament here in March will be awarded a cup. Individual members of the team winning the tournament will receive miniature gold basketballs. Numerous will receive silver basketballs. The team showing the best all-around sportsmanship during the entire tournament will also receive a cup. The Pullman, Wash., high school basketball team won the tournament last year.

The conference is to consider credit conditions and discuss legislation needed for safeguarding and developing mercantile business in the Pacific Northwest.

Remember how thrilled you were when "The Old Homestead" came to the Town Hall?

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Three-acre improved tract just outside the City Limits, one block from the paved highway. Well located, trade for house in town.  
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Three fine modern homes. Well located, beautifully furnished, want to sell complete. If you want something extra good let us show you these fine homes.

## HORSE DISPUTE

PENDLETON, Oregon, Jan. 18.—A horse-stealing dispute, called Volstead, entered the circuit court as the centred property of Gilbert Mathison, well-known Umatilla Indian painter, and Frank Martin, Steamboat stevedore. The horse is of the reasonable value of \$100, according to the Indian and Martin alleges that he bought the animal for the sum of \$115.  
The court adjourned for a year ago last July, when the animal which is said to be about 12 years old proved its superiority on the race track over all the other Indian ponies. Mathison claimed it and Martin was running it in the contests.

Following a battle in circuit court, in which the defendant referred to Volstead as "a scrub racehorse," and the plaintiff spoke of it in disparaging terms, the jury ordered the animal turned over to the Indian.

Whether Intelligerevi. When a man can afford to borrow money to pay an offer as he used to wish it would when he was a kid.

## KING EDWARD'S TAILOR DIES

MARLENBAD, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 20.—(By Mail.)—Wenzel Witter, for more than 100 years court tailor to King Edward VII of England, died here recently at an advanced age. Because King Edward's clothes served as models of fashion, Witter's workmanship became widely known throughout Europe. Of late years the veteran tailor was proprietor of a local hotel. He not only served the English sovereign during the annual royal visit here, but sent the King clothes from Marlenbad to London during the winter months.

## BOOTLEGGERS ATTACK MAN

(By Associated Press)  
BEND, Jan. 18.—Four men, believed to be bootleggers, accused Gus Ward, local tailor, today of being a stool pigeon, beat him into unconsciousness in a room in the Wright hotel here. Police said they had the men's names but refused to disclose them until after arrests are made. Police Chief Houston declared Ward had never been in his employ and had never given him any information.

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Statement of December 29, 1922.

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TOTAL	\$1,745,972.23

We have our assets arranged at all times so as to be able to meet any request for payment immediately.

**FOR THIS PURPOSE WE HAVE:**

(1) Cash in vault and deposited with legal depositors	\$ 279,412.92
(2) U. S. Government bonds	241,298.00
(3) Notes of individuals and corporations	1,233,173.47
(4) Real estate	186,604.44
(5) Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	7,583.99
TOTAL TO MEET LIABILITIES	\$1,948,072.82

THIS LEAVES SURPLUS OF \$202,100.59 which becomes the property of the Stockholders after the depositors are paid, and is guaranteed fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been lodged with us for many years.

Our listed resources enumerated in this statement do not and can not include those assets of friends and business which the bank has in the personnel of its board of directors, its officers and employees. These are assets which pay dividends to our patrons in service and satisfaction.