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IT CAN'T BE DONE.—No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Matthew 6:24.

The Influence of Radio

What neither the wonders of the railroad nor of telegraphy were able to do, radio has done for George Arnold, one of the few residents of the "Northwest Angle," which is considered one of the most out-of-the-way places on the continent. This section lies to the north of the Lake of the Woods, the northernmost point of the United States, and is bounded on the other three sides by swamps. In summer the region is accessible only by boat, and in winter not at all, except in the rare times when the lake is frozen entirely over. The isolation of previous years has been ended by the installation of a large wireless receiving set.

What has been done for this remote region of the United States has been done for others lying in situations less accessible but quite as isolated. Radio, unlike the other marvelous inventions in communication put into practice by man, establishes itself everywhere. It waits for man wherever he chooses to go. It defies him to follow it to the highest mountain peak or the most barren stretch of desert land.

A practical result to expect from the reclamation of isolated districts is the gradual dispersion of city populations into the rural areas. These will in turn lose their distinctive qualities in the evening-up process which will follow. In the future there should be pure air enough for everybody, good food, and a chance to acquire that health of body and mind which comes from living among the growing things which nature has provided for her children.

Fighting by Proxy

The football coach of the University of Michigan proclaims the value of the game in developing "the unconquerable fighting spirit so badly needed" by American youth "living a life of luxury on soft cushioned automobile seats." Passing up his notion of American youth, it may be asked how much unconquerable fighting spirit is developed by the system which restricts actual playing the game to a mere handful and leaves the tens of thousands mere spectators?

He does make the argument that those who urge a more general system of college and school athletics have not done anything to finance it, inferring that football is the thing because it is self-supporting, often indeed, financing other athletics as well. The need is for a senior, popular opinion-demanding collegiate and school athletics that will be of general benefit instead of a mere spectacle.

G. Hog, Erratic Advertiser

The ground hog is the best little advertiser in the zone—for one day. His name is on everyone's tongue. Whether he comes out transcends in anticipative-intestest the Lady or the Tiger of Frank R. Stockton's riddle.

Advertisers will observe that the ground hog has got himself hitched up to a tradition, to a reputation for making good. He appeals to the deep-seated regard for signs and portents in the human family. All the superstitions, all who can con the weather forecasts, are among his prophets.

Only difficulty is he has, like every dog, only one day. No advertiser can make good on a twenty-four hour splurge.

Unless the ground hog can devise some copy-making stunts for the other 364 days, he will go in his hole never to return.

Keeping everlastingly at it brings returns.

A girl may put things off until tomorrow, but the trouble is when tomorrow comes she doesn't put them on again.

Socialist: An individual who is certain there is something wrong with a system under which others can succeed.

They say it's easier to find a drink than dry headquarters in Washington. Well, there's only one dry headquarters.

The undeniable fact is that when a gang of men go out under cover of darkness concealed behind masks they have something to hide.

Professional reformers think it is their business to keep humanity from reverting to type.

Horticulturist says the moon is better for some plants than the sun. Distilling plants, for instance.

There is an expression that the short story is in vogue. Many persons are telling how short they are.

Editorials From Over the Nation

HISSING THE PRESIDENT

Christian Science Monitor: The president of the United States was hissed for several minutes in New York Wednesday by some scores of women gathered at a meeting of the Molly Pitcher club—a wet organization. Between decent and patriotic respect for the president, and fanatical devotion to the cause of whisky, the women concerned did not hesitate. Hisses and denunciations of the one, were accompanied by protestations of devotion to the other. It was the chief counsel for the state of New York for the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment who invited the demonstration. Had his action, with its resultant effects, taken place in a meeting of workmen the gathering would probably have been broken up by policemen's clubs, and the agitator put under arrest. But those present were not working men or women. The meeting was at Delmonico's. Its attendants were largely persons of prominence, including one college professor. What caused their wrath was the refusal of President Harding to receive a delegation desirous of protesting against the prohibition law. Very sensibly Mr. Harding had declared that prohibition was here to stay, and that for him to receive such a delegation "would create a suspicion that the Federal government is not in good faith in endeavoring to enforce the Eighteenth amendment."

"What are you going to do about it?" inquired provocatively the attorney for the pro-whisky organization, and the answer caused a storm of hisses and denunciations of the president.

The incident carries its own lesson. It would be futile to expatiate upon it. But the calmest contemplation of this frenzied mob of men and women, enlisted in the effort to bring back the sale of rum and ruin justifies the republication, with renewed emphasis, of why the Christian Science Monitor said editorially on Wednesday:

"Unless there should be a very material change in the policy and methods of the anti-prohibitionists—and no change is at present apparent—alignment with that force is utterly incompatible with respectable position among God-fearing and law-abiding citizens."

NUMBERS IN CONGRESS

New York Evening Post: The Constitution says that representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers as determined by a decennial enumeration. But what if the representatives cannot make up their minds as to how many of them there shall be? The last census was taken in 1920; that is, we are a fourth of the way towards the next census. Yet the incoming house was elected upon the basis of the census of 1910 because the present house was unable to agree upon a plan of reapportionment, and it has now handed over the troublesome question to its successor.

The difficulty lies in the problem of increasing the number of representatives from the growing states without either reducing the representation from lagging state or increasing the total number of representatives from a regular state to a number to an existing sum without getting a larger sum. By the rules of ordinary arithmetic it cannot be done. Mathematical experts who were called in gave the sad information that it couldn't be done by logarithms or even by calculus. Confronted by the dilemma of either reducing the size of some of the state delegations or increasing the size of the house, the members, unable to face the prospect of more of themselves, chose to cut some of the delegations and accordingly passed a reapportionment bill. The bill that redistributed the 434 representatives now composing the house. Unfortunately, this bill died in the senate. The house could not bring itself to repeat the self-denying ordinance, and so nothing has been accomplished.

European parliaments contain 600 members and more, but there the ministry organizes the business and decides what shall be discussed. Our system is different. The individual representative counts—or tries to count—for something. Hence a large house is objectionable. The bill that has passed the house once is the only practicable solution of the recurring problem.

Too Much to Expect.

You can't expect foreigners to understand a language that says a man is down and out when he is hard up and all in.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE OFFICE CAT

GOOD NIGHT!

I've a letter in my pocket I don't want my wife to see!
If she finds it I'll have trouble; she will spoil the day for me.
I can't burn it, and I wouldn't dare to throw the thing away.
What if she should find it? There would be the deuce to pay.
Here I am upon the threshold of my happy home, ahack!
I was told to mail her letter, and I've brought the darned thing back.

Let a woman try to hide her age and she will show it in a thousand ways.

The length of a woman's legs is settled by nature, but the length of a woman's skirt will always be a mooted question figuratively speaking.

Even after they get down to business, some fellows don't, scolds Mrs. Cy Kology.

Strange how every year we pin our faith to some new cure or belief. Stranger how quickly we forget the ones of the previous year. This year everyone is talking about Coue and its hard to believe that we ever looked the same way upon the Ouija board.

APOLOGIES TO COUE

Day by day in every way
I'm getting sicker and sicker,
All I do is rave and rave,
Beer, light wine and likker.

A prominent local spinster lady says she never had a chance to get married as whenever a young man called her mother sat in the room with them for fear the young man would go to sleep. O, Heinz, preserve us.

Housework is announced as a cure for neurasthenia. We have always suspected that our cook was really a dutchess taking a rest cure.

HOW TRUE!

About the only excuse some people have for living is that they are hanging around to see what their neighbors are doing.

One of the mysteries of this world is that, while most newspapers have "Lost and Found" columns, you never see any found ads in them.

OLD MAID'S SONG

Be it ever so humble, there's no form like your own.

The size of the box of candy you should give a girl depends upon how many brothers she has.

Ambassador Harvey wears a pluz hat and drives a Ford at the same time. Diplomacy is becoming more intricate as the years go by.

Amos Tash says neither depression, unemployment nor Volsteadism has kept cider from working. That's its business—working.

Some birds are not satisfied with the natural noises their flappers make, but they have to have a few extra noises clanging on the fenders to add to the din.

Friend—"My, you're rotten, what you give me."
Storekeeper—"You should worry. You got a bun, I got five hundred."

No matter what happens somebody always knew it would.

The warm weather is at least making some of the La Grande flappers wonder why they didn't put off buying Russian boots until spring.

"Who steals my nip steals trash" is more true than ever before with the chief of police all hot up about bootleggers.

Even the local barber shops are becoming infested with bob-haired girls who must the poor hair-working man from his turn in order to get their neck clipped for a pleasant smile!

"What a bully taste!"
Not long ago a La Grande man bought a can of "chipped beef." He said it was a chip of the old block.

Take Your Time, Boys.
Look before you leap. Be sure you are right, and then take another look.—Duluth Herald.

Thought for the Day.
When you can't be happy by yourself, how can you expect others to be happy with you?

A Classified Ad Will Do It!

SHRINERS and MASONS Annual Benefit DANCE

AT REX HALL
FEB 8, 1923
All members of Masonic Fraternity, families and ladies invited.

WANT TO BUY OR SELL SOMETHING?—TRY AN OBSERVER WANT AD



New Spring Dresses

That Express Individuality and Charm
"PEGGY PAIGE"

Now presented for the first time in this or any other city, in an assortment of authoritative styles, as well as the latest colors and fabrics for Spring.

The dresses for Spring represent a broader range of style features than ever before, offering an almost unlimited choice of skirt and waist line lengths, as well as a wide variety of sleeves. One's choice among the many beautiful creations offered should be extremely easy.

Prices for Spring are unusually low and we are sure you will enjoy a visit to our French Costume Room now. Beside the famous "Peggy Paige" models, you will see a great many others to please.

The New Spring FOOTWEAR Is Here

Women of La Grande know the quality of the N. K. West Company footwear and with two entirely new lines added for Spring this store will have one of the finest assortments of plain and novelty footwear ever shown in La Grande.

"Armstrong," "Selby" and "Hoyd Welsh," three high-grade lines, and all well known for their service and shape-retaining qualities are well represented now as well as many others.

Prices for Spring start at \$4.50 and range up to \$10.00.

"LA GRANITE" The New Silk Fabric for Spring

"La Granite," the new silk dress fabric, has just arrived and is now on display for the first time in La Grande.

A rough, loose weave fabric that in some ways reminds us of the popular crepe knit, of last season, but a much finer weave and more colorful fabric. It is 48 inches wide and is shown here in jade, buff, canna and blue.

Priced \$3.00 a yard.

Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

Several questions involving sources of income must be considered by the individual taxpayer in determining whether or not he must file a return under the income tax law for the calendar year 1922, according to Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue. "A thorough consideration of these questions will materially aid the taxpayer not only in satisfying himself that he must make a return but in making out the return which must be filed not later than March 15."

Collector Huntley says that before making out an income tax return for the year 1922, every taxpayer should present to himself and carefully consider the following questions:

- What were your profits from your business, trade, profession or vocation?
- Did you receive any interest on bank deposits?
- Have you any property from which you received rent?
- Did you receive any income in the form of dividend or interest from stocks or bonds?
- Did you receive any bonuses during the year?
- Did you make any profit on the sale of stocks, bonds, or other property, real or personal?
- Did you act as a broker in any transaction from which you received commissions?
- Are you interested in any partnership or other firm from which you received any income?
- Have you any income from royalties or patents?
- Have you any minor children who are working?
- Do you appropriate, or have the right to appropriate, the earnings of such children? If so, the amount must be included in the return of your income.
- Has your wife any income from any source whatsoever, if so it must be included in your return or reported in a separate return of income.
- Did you receive any directors' fees or trustees' fees in the course of the year?
- Do you hold any office in a benefit society from which you receive income?
- Answers to all these questions are necessary to determine whether a person has an income sufficiently large to require that a return be filed, and may be the means of avoiding the heavy penalties imposed for failure to do so within the time prescribed.

Progress.
It may be true that the man who believes thoroughly in himself is likely to go far, but the one who gets others to believe in him will go farther.

ARCADIE THEATER
FRIDAY NIGHT SEATS ON SALE WEDNESDAY
E. J. Carpenter Offers the Cartoon
MUSICAL COMEDY



BRINGING UP FATHER

ON HIS VACATION

Big, Well-Behaved, Flapper Beauty Chorus
PRICES, INCLUDING THE WAR TAX
Lower Floor \$1.65; Balcony \$1.00 & 85c
SEATS ON SALE AT SILVERTHORN - WRIGHT'S DRUG STORE

Thrift

The Highway of Thrift is the sure road to independence and success. The man of industry and thrift inspires confidence and he finds his banker anxious to help him because he demonstrates his inclination and ability to help himself.

Conserve some of your earnings each day by opening a savings account with this bank. It is a safe investment that will earn four per cent, compounded every six months. Many are taking advantage of the facilities of our savings department and the savings deposited with us have increased nearly one hundred per cent, in the last year.

We Solicit Your Account

La Grande National Bank

SOUND — RELIABLE — PROGRESSIVE



Winter Days Invite
Your

KODAK

Here you will find all kinds—
Kodaks \$6.50 Up
Brownies \$2.50 Up

Red Cross Drug Store