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THE WRATH OF GOD:—The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness—Romans 1:18.

Forgotten Securities

On one occasion years ago, when a legislative committee was investigating "high finance" the then venerable Russell Sage was on the stand. Among other things he was asked what was the amount of his holdings of the stock of a certain corporation and he declared he could not remember the exact amount. This was the answer of numerous similar questions. Finally counsel for the committee asked with studied sarcasm if Mr. Sage could remember within a million dollars or so the aggregate of his wealth. Again the witness replied that it would be impossible for him to state whether his total wealth was below or above a specified sum by a million or so. The newspapers of that day diverted their readers with many caustic remarks upon the defective memory of financiers in general and the old millionaire in particular.

Statements made by the treasury department, however, indicate that there are scores, if not hundreds of thousands of individuals in the United States today who are ignorant of their holdings of investment securities, or are careless in keeping tab of their financial interests. This is not because of the magnitude and variety of their operations, such as over-taxed the memory of Mr. Sage, but because of lack of enlightened self-interest which, where carried to extremes, keeps them in their comparatively lowly state. Treasury officials declare that owners of \$236,000,000 Victory notes which were called for payment on December 15 last, on which date they ceased to bear interest, have not yet presented them for payment. Several hundred million dollars' worth of war savings certificates which matured on the first day of the present month are also still outstanding, more than half a million of Civil war obligations have never been presented for payment and more than a third of a million of Spanish-American war bonds have never been surrendered in exchange for the cash which lies in treasury vaults for their payment.

Some subscribers for government obligations have forgotten them, while others are just careless of their own legitimate interests. This state of mind is not confined to bond investors. It manifests itself among a considerable number of savings bank depositors who have forgotten their original impulse to thrift and whose money after a specified number of years, is taken over by the state on the assumption of death without heirs of the depositor. In the light of these facts, a millionaire's occasional lack of memory on the witness stand appears entirely normal.

Of Doubtful Efficacy

An Ohioan's recipe for relief from excessive taxation through telling the truth about one's taxable property certainly would increase the volume of taxables, were all persons perfectly frank and were no attempt made to conceal anything which should be listed. It goes without argument that all should make honest returns. That many do is not to be doubted; that some others do not is suspected.

Thus, those who are truthful are penalized for their honesty, if others avoid paying their proper share. If those who have been holding out should become truthful and pay their just share it would increase the revenue, doubtless, to the point of permitting a reduction in the rates of taxation which would be to the benefit of those who, because of their honesty, have been over-taxed, while the former tax-dodgers converted to honest ways would be paying only what they should have paid all along.

The plan has ethical merit, but there is doubt of its efficacy as an immediate practical proposition. If all persons were honest many functions of government which now entail much expense without operating with 100 per cent efficiency either could be dispensed with. The majority of people are truthful and honest but it is the minority, of whatever proportions it may be, that causes the trouble and few will be hopeful of the tax problem reaching its solution in the manner outlined by the Ohioan. It would be the ideal method and would operate with justice to all, but the millennium has not dawned and for the present the country will have to continue to prod those who may be suspected of not being as truthful in tax matters as an ideal state would demand.

It is much easier to become enthusiastic over paying several hundred dollars down on an automobile than on a home.

One advantage of serving the public in the legislature is that "honorable" sticks to a man the remainder of his life.

The German mark will not have reached its lowest point, apparently, until it becomes filling for mattresses.

Some women should be reminded that holding a baby is of more importance to the race than holding an office.

Editorials From Over the Nation

EDUCATED WIVES.

San Antonio Light: The president of one of the large Eastern colleges for women located in Ohio is authority for the statement that 50 per cent of the women who have graduated from that institution have chosen homemaking for their profession. In spite of the large number of openings in professions and business, 70 per cent have married shortly after leaving college, he declares.

This is a new and reassuring statement on the much mooted question of whether college education unfits the average woman for the rather humdrum existence of making a home. And it is conclusive evidence, too, that there is no just ground for the assertion that the college graduate does not marry but prefers to spend at least a major part of her life in professional or business work. It is apparent theoretically at least, that just because a woman has a college education is no reason why she would not marry and create a home. In fact, she should be able to make a wiser selection in choosing a husband and to create a better and more efficient home by reason of higher education. Her children, likewise, should find an educated mother a source of advancement and education for themselves.

The world is gradually getting away from the idea that just because a woman obtains a college education she is unfitted mentally for the duties of the home. Women are rapidly demonstrating that with college education they are not only better wives and mothers, housekeepers and cooks, but that they can be a wonderful force for educational advancement and general moral uplift in their community.

There is no more reason why a mother should be less a mother simply because she has been well-educated than that an illiterate and ignorant woman should be a model mother because of her lack of education.

HOPE IS NOT DEAD.

Vancouver Republican: If persons who utter doleful wails of despair every time they think of the American standard of culture do it because it gives them pleasure, we should consider it unkind for anyone to deprive them of the means of such indulgence. Deference of this kind is especially due Henry Mencksen, for we are sure that like his intellectual ancestor, Voltaire, pessimism is exhilarating to him. But the pessimists who would be glad to find a ray of hope for the mind of America, the annual report of the board of trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York should be inspiring.

Interest in objects of beauty cannot be so hopelessly dormant in the United States if nearly 1,000,000 people visited only one of the intellectual treasuries in which they are stored in the course of the year. Adding to the number of people who visited the New York museum, those who patronized the dozens of others in cities throughout the country, we begin to realize that a substantial percentage of our population has become capable of appreciating an aesthetic experience. It is not necessary for our encouragement to assume that all who went to museums last year fully understood what they saw. That will come in time. It is sufficiently gratifying, for the present, to know that painting and sculpture and architecture have attracted the interest of an ever growing number of our countrymen.

CHURCH SESSION OPENS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 8.—The Portland district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south opened in Roseburg tonight with an address by S. H. Shugart of Columbia university. The conference will continue until Friday night and will take up all departments of the work within the district.

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THE OFFICE CAT

GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY

By Jane Thomas

Tomorrow's Grandma's birthday, I wonder what she'll get! I know she wants a carton of her favorite cigarettes. She wants some low-heeled sandals. And hand-embroidered hose. Or crepe de chine pajamas. A pocket-flask (hers vanished). The night our house was robbed. She needs a curling iron. Now that her hair is bobbed. Some classy new jazz records. All brimming o'er with top. She's taking dancing lessons. And she does the latest steps.

The fundamental of safety first in autoing is assuming that the driver you are about to pass hasn't any more sense than you have.

Perhaps Satan knows how poor mother Eve was able to dress without a mirror.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll is said to have left Germany for the United States. So it must be true Germany is getting ready to go to war again.

"Out of sight is not out of mind," denies Amos Tash indignantly; "coal is and isn't."

An exchange offers \$5 reward to the man who can prove he ever carried a watermelon three blocks down the street without hearing somebody yell, "Don't drop it!"

You'd naturally suppose that house rents would be low now with so many people living in their automobiles.

ADVICE TO DRIVERS

Don't have your batteries charged pay cash.

If your piston rings don't answer, The Golden Rule should be the rule of the road.

You may have right of way but trucks have right of weight.

Where the road is narrow use more horse sense than horse power. When either man or motor knocks there's something wrong.

The wreckless are not reckless. Don't exceed the speed limit—even he who travels in a rut has time to enjoy the scenery.

New slogan: Say it with hooch—the flowers come later.

2 TRUE

Once upon a time there was a woman who was so talkative that when she wanted to think she had to rest her chin on her hands to keep her mouth shut, so that she wouldn't interrupt herself.

An Observer reader asks if a couple married near Christmas are valedictorian. "Yes," says the Office Kitten.

All that glitters can not be measured by the golden rule.

They used to tell who was boss on the farm by the size of the house and barn. If the house was a little ugly, neglected building it was generally conceded that the man was boss, and vice versa, but now when the garage is the most pretentious building of the lot you can't tell who is boss.

There is just as much folly in the world as wisdom and a lot of it is peddled as wisdom.

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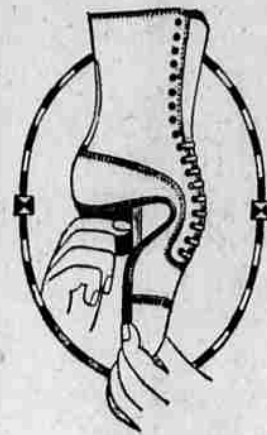
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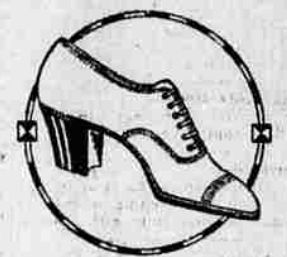


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ARMS PERMITS DENIED

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 8.—Sheriff S. W. Starnes today denied that he had issued permits to residents of Drain to carry firearms, as reported from Eugene.

"I received a letter from Jack Rouch of Drain asking for permission to carry a weapon for protection but the request was denied," said the sheriff. "Mr. Rouch stated that he had been threatened in a note signed 'K. K. K.' but he had no proof that there was any serious intent to do him injury and there has been no attempt at disorder. This office is ready to act in any case of disorder or will provide protection wherever it is held necessary, but permits to carry firearms are not being granted."

DOGS TIED UP

BEND, Ore., Feb. 8.—In fear of an epidemic of rabies, Bend police today requested all local owners of dogs to keep their pets tied up at home. The request was made after a positive diagnosis had been made in the case of a dog which had bitten four children of the Dan Stout ranch, 14 miles from Bend. The children have been sent to Portland for Pasteur treatment.

Pittsburgh Gazette Times: For bootleggers to lose lists of their "high-class" patrons exhibits a cruel lack of consideration.

It took man many millions of years to develop from a water creature. You can't expect him to get accustomed to dry land in one generation.

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