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UNSHAKEN TRUST: They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.—Psalm 125:1, 2.

Paying in Marks

When a French corporal slipped and fell on a pavement in Dusseldorf his rifle was discharged and the bullet killed a little German girl. The French commander offered to pay the parents 100,000 marks, but the offer was declared by the provincial governor to be an "unheard of affront."

The feature of the case that appears to have offended the German official is the fact that the payment offered is worth about \$2.10 in American money, but if the marks were worth their face value the sum would be about \$21,000. The instance provides a striking illustration of the practical worthlessness of German currency.

The German government itself must be held largely responsible for the fact that 40,000 marks may be purchased in the market with one American dollar. This is in contrast with the pre-war quotation of about four marks for a dollar. The German government has wrecked its currency by a criminally foolish policy.

German land, factories, public buildings and all other visible resources of the nation are intact. German has no "devastated regions" to mark the destructive character of war. The situation is that of a man who could mortgage his property for many times its actual value. Somebody is sure to lose.

The currency of a nation is its promise to pay in specie or its equivalent in value, and when such promises exceed the ability of the nation to make them good, confidence is lost and an unfortunate financial situation is created. Nobody of business sense has any faith in the intention of the German government to redeem its currency.

Conserve on Electricity

By this time every user of electricity realizes the serious light and power situation as described in the publicity of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company—a situation that the power company has been making a heroic fight to combat, striving to supply uninterrupted service and maintain the effectiveness of their service, although in the present emergency, which they have spared no expense or effort to overcome, it has been necessary to ask the aid of every user of electricity to co-operate with them with the view of assisting them in overcoming the present situation. So far not only has the service for industry and domestic use been adequate but the quality has been kept up to standard.

The causes of the present emergency were beyond control and prudent business foresight could not have been expected to provide against them. A true spirit of public service has been shown and with it a disposition to be frank and open concerning the company's affairs. We are also assured that sufficient sums of money are to be spent this year to meet the needs of the territory in the future.

The larger power users have recognized the seriousness of the emergency and have cut their requirements. Let us now help the power company and ourselves by economizing as never before in our use of electricity during the comparatively short period that should elapse between now and the time when new water will relieve the situation.

Wherein Merit Lies

A French girl of 18 years has been awarded a prize equivalent to \$3,000 for being the "most meritorious girl in France," the gift being contributed by a Paris newspaper. A score of other girls scarcely less exalted in their merit were given rewards of lesser value. And this "most meritorious" girl, what great feat did she accomplish? Rather commonplace it may seem is her story.

Left an orphan at 10, she took charge of seven children, and at 18 is still in charge and is cheerful despite a life of hardship, misery and sickness. She interpreted life by the simple principle of industry. She performed a humble duty because it was a duty. Another girl, now 18, an Alsatian, took care of her three small brothers when a shell at the beginning of the war buried her mother in the ruins of the home and she is still keeping the family together. Similar services were performed by the others who had been selected by the provinces as candidates for the chief prize.

It is to the credit of the French race that homely virtues are thus recognized. Evidently these girls knew not that they were engaged in any heroic work, but they did rise to the fulfillment of the responsibilities placed upon them and none can do more. And it is a tribute to devotion to simple duty as worthy the highest praise that these obscure girls were sought out to be thus signally honored. Some of them were plain, one or two more than plain, two quite pretty, but none wealthy, but having achieved they are meritorious.

It isn't possible, sometime, to tell from the way a woman dresses just how near bankruptcy her husband is, and then again sometimes it is.

Editorials From Over the Nation

CHRISTENING THE BABY

National Republican: During the days that Mark Twain camped around Speaker Cannon's office some years ago while working in behalf of a new copyright law, he told many good stories. "Uncle Joe" seems to think the following one is about the best that he related:

"A preacher was called upon to officiate at a neighborhood christening. The audience consisted of relatives, friends and neighbors of the proud parents. 'We have met together, my friends,' said the preacher, 'on a very interesting occasion—the christening of this little child—but I see already a look of disappointment on your faces. Is it because this infant is so small? We must bear in mind that this globe upon which we live is made up of small things, infinitesimal objects. We might say, little drops of water make the mighty ocean; the mountains which rear their heavy heads toward heaven and are often lost in the clouds are made up of little grains of sand. Besides, my friends, we must take into consideration the possibilities in the life of this little speck of humanity. He may become a great preacher, multitudes may be swayed by his eloquence and brought to see and believe in the truths of the gospel. He may become a distinguished physician, and his name as a healer of men may reach the uttermost ends of the earth and his name go down to posterity as one of the great benefactors of the human race. He may become a great astronomer and read the heavens as an open book. He may discover new stars which may be coupled with those of Newton and many other great discoverers. He may become a distinguished statesman and orator, and by the strength of his intellect and eloquence he may control the destinies of nations and his name be engraved upon monuments erected to perpetuate his memory by his admiring and grateful countrymen. He may become an author and a poet, and his name may yet appear among those now entombed at Westminster. He may become a great warrior and lead armies to battle and victory; his prowess and valor may change the map of Europe and Africa. Methinks I hear the plaudits of the people at the mention of his deeds and name. He may become a great engineer—'he might—er'—turning to the mother, 'What is his name?'"

"He mother, very much bewildered: 'What is the baby's name?'" "Yes, what is his name?" "Why, his name is Marguerite," she replied.

OLYMPIA RAIDS MADE
OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 21.—Officers, raiding four adjoining buildings in the Chinese district here early today seized narcotics and equipment valued at several thousand dollars, obtained also about ten gallons of various kinds of liquor and arrested 15 Chinese.

Doors of the four buildings, at 413, 415, 417 and 419 Water street, were battered down simultaneously and the raiding parties, four officers in each, were inside the dens before the Chinese realized what was occurring.

Income Tax Facts
By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.
In the returns of married persons many errors have been discovered because of the failure to account for the aggregate net income of husband, wife and dependent minor children. For example, John Smith, an artisan, had a net income of \$2,100. His wife earned \$1,400 as a stenographer, and two sons, 15 and 17 years old, earned \$720 each as messengers. The exemption is \$2,500 the family income being less than \$3,000, a total of \$3,300. Deducted from \$4,940, the combined family income, this leaves a taxable net income of \$1,640, which, however, may be further reduced by deductions of payments of interest, contributions, bad debts, etc., to be fully explained later.

Separate returns may be made by husband and wife, or they may make a combined return. In the event separate returns are made, either husband or wife may claim the exemption allowed married persons, or they may divide it between them in such proportions as they choose. The one contributing the chief support may claim the \$400 for each dependent.

The \$400 credit for dependents is allowed only when such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. In the above example the sons are dependents because both are under 18 years of age. They have not been "manipulated" and their parents have not abandoned their right to the son's earnings, which, therefore, must be included in the parent's return.

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THE OFFICE CAT

In crossing the street either day or night, first look to the left and then to the right.

LOOKS SUSPICIOUS
Scot foul play in death of man found bound and hanged.—Full page headline in Toledo Times.

After a man gets the bill for his wife's new fur, he decides that the old overcoat is good enough for the rest of the winter.

It used to be when you saw a man carrying a brief case down the street that you knew that he was either a lawyer or a musician. Now almost every person carries one, even the janitor brings his lunch in one.

When we see some husbands we have a good idea of the silent partner.

An hour spent with order saves a waste of hours lost in hunting things misplaced.

SAME OLD THING
"What did you say when Jack asked you for a kiss?" "Same old thing." "What'd he do?" "Same old thing."

"I know something I won't tell," sang a little girl, as little girls do. "Never mind, child," said the old bachelor, "You'll get over that when you're a little older."

Many a small boy is kept in after school because his father worked his arithmetic wrong.

There is a strong objection to the return in the dress of grandma's day. It is grandma who is doing the objecting.

MINNIE

There was a young girl named Minnie,
By nature fearfully skinny,
She grafted a pad
To each bone she had,
And today she's plump as a guinea.

Amos Tash says there's always two sides to a question—the wrong side and our side.

Are They "Cue-ing" Us?
We received this greeting a few days ago:
"Day by day in every way the Office Cat is getting better and better."

STILL SOME BIRDS WONDER WHY BUSINESS IS STILL
"Is the office boy on duty to keep people away from me?" "Yes, sir."

"Is there a bench in the hall on which busy men may sit while waiting to see me?" "Yes, sir."

"Is there a hidden lock on the gate that leads into the outer office?" "Yes, sir."

"Has the telephone girl been instructed to ask all who call for me their name and their business?" "Oh, yes, our telephone girls know

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Here's A Real Buy—Medium weight wool mix army socks—a pair 25c.

all about that." "And consult me before permitting anyone to talk to her?" "Yes, sir." "Is everything arranged here to make it as difficult as possible for people to transact business with this firm?" "It is." "Good. Then I'll go into my office and begin plans for our salesmen selling other people."

A Good Thing—Don't Miss It
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ness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.—Adv.
Philadelphia North American: The striking of the Lusitania, had at last been officially declared an act of war. It is thought the delay was due to its close resemblance to some acts of the present peace.

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