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REST:—This is my rest forever; here will I dwell; for I have desired it.—Psalm 132:14.

A Matter Of Justice.

The resignation of a \$5,000 a year official at Washington to accept a position paying \$100,000 is made the text for numerous discussions of the poor way in which the government rewards its servants. No commentator goes to the length of advocating competition by the government with private enterprise in the matter of salaries for good men, but it is urged that official compensation ought to be several times as large as it is, and the remark is repeated that "the country cannot get the right sort of men for office until it pays them more nearly what they are worth."

If it were true that the government could not get men for the salaries it pays, then radical improvement in compensation all along the line would be imperative. But it is not true. In President Harding's cabinet is one of the foremost financiers of the country. To pay him "what he is worth," what would have to be the size of his salary? A little thought will show that it would be impossible even approximately to compensate him for his services. Another cabinet officer is one of the greatest of American lawyers, who in private practice could command virtually any fee he asked. It is doubtful if there is any member of the cabinet who could not earn much more than he gets from the government, so the \$12,000 salary is not the attraction.

This government has been most fortunate in securing men filled with the ideal of public service. Occasionally one hears of an official who is persuaded to leave for a larger salary, and no criticism should attach to him for doing so. It is his own business. But it is not true that the government service in the higher branches is crippled for lack of good men. The argument for increased compensation is based on other grounds. Common justice demands, not that the government should enter into active competition with big business in the matter of salaries, but that it should pay its employees enough to live on comfortably in Washington. This is not always the case.

Before the World War Washington was known as a cheap city in which to live. That is no longer so. The need for an upward revision of salaries may be indicated, but there is no use trying the liberality of modern big business.

Happy Days.

"It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive," said Stevenson. Life is a pursuit, not an occupation. It is something to do, not something to learn. When happiness becomes an accomplished fact, it ceases to exist. So long as it is a chase, it lives.

Doctors agree that there is nothing more ruinous to health than to retire from active work at too early an age.

The same law holds good in the business of happiness. To believe that at last the goal is reached, is to miss it altogether. Like the blue bird in Maeterlinck's story, happiness turns black as soon as it is caged.

Think of the days of greatest happiness in your life. Were they not the days when you were working and striving for a goal? When you and your partner were facing the world with a modest salary and a grin?

When you had a little apartment, and furnished it one room at a time? When you paid off the mortgage on your home, or got the big raise, or launched out into business for yourself?

Those were the happy days! Happy not because you had finished something, but because you had started something.

And you never have been contented since, unless you continued the wise process of pursuing happiness, always setting out hopefully for some new objective as soon as you arrived anywhere.

The Useless "Good Citizen."

There is a certain type of man in every community who poses as a good citizen. He breaks no laws, lives morally, pays his honest debts and is never tangled up with the law in any manner. But he lives of himself, by himself and for himself exclusively. When the call is issued for volunteers to put across a community movement and give a boost, he never answers. When calamity has befallen people in certain localities and charity flies to their rescue, he is never one of their number. When some neighbor is stuck in the mud he detours to avoid him.

In fact, if he stood on the shore and saw the ship of state sinking, he would never offer to throw out a line. And if all mankind was fashioned from his same kind of chap what would happen? There would be no churches, no hospitals for the sick, no institutions for the unfortunate, no progress. If you are about to become a useless "good citizen" read this editorial again.

Women are an unfortunate lot generally. No matter what their station in life, or how many changes of gowns they possess, they never have anything "fit to wear."

Mexico is trying to stop gambling. Probably it is the hope to make holding the presidency something more than a sporting chance on completing the term.

The man who wants more than his share of the bed covering at night is probably the same road hog who in the daytime wants all of the road bed.

Cuno, says a news item, presents no ultimatum. Then he is not ready to submit. An ultimatum is indication of readiness to make concessions.

The average neighbor is usually able to tell the difference between a social caller and a bill collector.

Editorials From Over the Nation

ENGAGEMENT, MARRIAGE DIVORCE

De Witt Talmadge: Engagement is the porch of which marriage is the castle, and you have no right on the porch if you do not mean to pass into the castle. There may be cases where deception has been used at the time of engagement, and extraordinary circumstances where the promise is not binding, but in 999 cases out of a thousand engagement is as binding as marriage. What America needs to be taught is that betrothal is an act so solemn and tremendous that all men and women must stand back from it until they are sure that it is right, and sure that it is best, and sure that no retreat will be desired.

Before you promise, pray and think and study and advise. There will never again in your earthly history be a time when you so much need God. If a man will lie to a woman and woman will lie to a man about so important a matter as that of a lifetime's welfare, they will lie about anything. Society today is brim full of gallants and men-miliners and carpet knights and co-quets and those most God-forsaken of all creatures—flirts. And they go about drawing rooms and parlors of watering places, slumpering and howling and scraping and whispering and then return to the club rooms if they be men, or to their social gatherings, if they be women, to chatter and giggle over what was said to them in confidence. Condemnation is apt to come upon them and they get paid in their own coin. I could point you to scores when society has let down very hard in return for their base traffic in human hearts. Forsaken of God and all honest men and good women are sure to be all such masculine and feminine triflers with human and yet immortal affections. Oh, man! Oh woman! Having plighted your troth stick to it.

I have to say not only to those who have made a mistake in solemn promise of marriage, but to those who have already at the altar been pronounced one when they are two or in diversity of tastes and likes and dislikes are neither one nor two but a dozen. Make the best you can of an awful mistake. There are certain good reasons for a divorce. The bible recognizes them. But it must be the very last resort, and only after all reasonable attempts at reconciliation and adjustment have proved a dead failure.

READING ON THE TRAIN

William Lyon Phelps in Scribner's: The most agreeable place to read a book is on the train. One is comparatively safe from interruption, one cannot be annoyed by the telephone, one almost always has a good light both by day and by night. Two suggestions will be found practical: in general, sit on the right side of the train; that you will usually have no track outside your window. On the left side freight trains, running in the same direction, keep intervening between you and the light, and it usually seems as if every freight train was at least four miles long; when your railway car has finally passed it and you hear the maddened snort of the freight locomotive, mad because you have occupied your own train then stops at a station just long enough to permit the entire freight train to pass, when once more you begin the tedious process of overhauling it. Therefore, sit on the right side of the train; secondly, ride backward, if you can, it is easier on the eyes. In this attitude, the trees, posts and landscape fade gently and gracefully away, whereas sitting forward, they push furiously and directly into your defenseless face.

Lots of parents think they are tender-hearted when they are simply too yellow to do their duty.

It may be that idleness encourages virtue, but Adam didn't value Cain until he had to go to work.

Courtesy is the quality that keeps good writing patiently and sweetly while the man who hurls for services gets all the attention.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

How do you like our new picture of the office cat? It came in late yesterday—just too late to mention it at that time, but better late than never. Junius looks more like a flapper every day—and isn't near so fat as she used to be. The reason the old picture was discarded was because she was beginning to get touchy about her weight and wouldn't permit us to use it—and took her three months to train down to her present form!

Some of Los Angeles Romeos are planning on getting a bicycle with a side-car to pack the sweeties around in—on the weekly easy payment plan.

Junius is a Woman.
Aren't men funny? They wear clothes that cover them from ankle down to Adam's apple! They smoke—because they LIKE it! They tie knots that will untie! They know what trumps and why they played the Joker! They wear B. V. D.'s and don't roll their socks! Aren't men funny. They're so different from women. (Editors note: Amos Tash said thank the heavens for the dissimilarity.)

Reporters, Make It Snappy!
Springfield, Ill.—Two Watash railroad "car knockers" lowered a lantern into a park to see if all the gasoline had been drained out. It wasn't quite empty. They will recover.—St. Louis Times.

The Best Recipe.
We live to learn, and learn to live, but not until we've learned to give! Unless we give, a selfish mind clothes us, and we just exist.

The Need Is There.
Amos Tash says some men need a whoa-wife, and some a git-up-wife. All men need one or the other.

Little Mrs. Newfry: What would you think of a man who let his wife get up on a bitterly cold morning to light the fire?
Mrs. Wise: That's something I've never told anyone but my husband—and I'd only to tell him once.

Signs We Like to See!
Larger Cook One—Five cents.
Auto Toll Kiosk, O.
Short skirts coming back.
Fords—\$29.99

Here's what Junius got today!
Dear Office Cat: If two locomotives are traveling toward each other on the same rail, one with a speed of 10 miles per hour and the other 20 miles, which would strike first and how much sooner?
Yours H.E. ventinghouse brakes.
(Signed) T. N. T.
Junius wrote back to T. N. T. and told him to take it Phytus.

Long hair and whiskers, it now appears were not the only distinguishing marks of the house of David.

Get This, Wives!
Lives there a man
With tongue so tied
Who hasn't to
His wife lied?
To shield himself.
He tried this snail:
"That's whitewash, dear,
From off the wall!"

Just a song at twilight used to be popular with the ladies. Now it's popular with the drunks.

A La Grande Mystery.
Who is the Jane Doe that has been frequenting the police station lately? She's been drunk, been arrested for speeding, and was charged with larceny once!



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MANY TO BE AT PASCO CAUCUS

More than 1,000 delegates will attend the first annual convention of the Columbia Basin Irrigation League at Pasco, April 21, according to league trustees who plan a celebration of the first year's accomplishments of the league. Having secured the cooperation of the federal government in making further investigation of the Columbia Basin project, league officials have called the meeting at Pasco to consider plans for continuing league activities for the coming year.

Additional league trustees will be chosen for the year, and because of

the broadened scope of the work increased activities will be undertaken by the league," said C. B. Hurley of Tacoma, president of the league. "The four northwest states, all vitally interested in development of the Columbia Basin project, will be represented by delegates at the Pasco convention. It is expected that special trains will carry delegates from Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane and special railroad rates have been secured. A large number of delegates will go to the convention from other states interested in the development of the project. Invitations have been extended to United States senators, congressmen and state officials to take part in the program."

Federal cheers, headed by Tompkins J. Ginn, and designated by the federal commission, consisting of Assistant Secretary F. M. Goodwin and Arthur P. Davis, director of the

U. S. reclamation service, have commenced an investigation of the project which is expected to be completed by fall. Following the investigation of the commission a report on all phases of the report will be submitted to Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work.

If men descend from monkeys, it must be assumed that the monkeys with us now are the progeny of those who refused to descend.

The spirit of '76 dumped tea overboard; but they are not tea hounds who dump spirits overboard now.

A normal woman is one whose biscuits turn out to be a flat failure when company stays to dinner.

GET RESULTS WITH A WANT AD

U. B. Thrifty says—

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