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The Versatile Franklin

The celebration of Benjamin Franklin's birthday anniversary today is more general than usual. There seems to be a widespread feeling that the principles which the statesman-philosopher advanced need special emphasis at this time, that he is still a wise friend to go to for advice and that the present generation could learn much of value from his teachings.

It is significant of Franklin's amazing versatility that among those who will pay tribute to his memory this week are organizations of printers, publishers, scientists, librarians, policemen, firemen, street cleaners and postmen. Franklin first earned his bread as a printer. Later he founded a magazine whose successor is still being issued. Just 200 years ago his half-brother established in Boston the New England Courant with which young Franklin began his literary career.

Scientists honor his name because of the researches which led to the invention of the lightning rod and other important devices. Librarians are interested because Franklin founded the first public library in the colonies. He was also responsible for establishing the first fire department and police force, in Philadelphia, and for insisting on the paving and cleaning of streets. His services as postmaster general are well known. If there were a diplomats' union it, too, might well pay tribute to the man who was the earliest exponent of the doctrine of "open covenants openly arrived at" and who represented his country at foreign courts in a sturdily democratic manner. And prohibitionists, too, they should not overlook Franklin's practical example of abstinence for the benefit of his fellow printers during his sojourn in London.

It may be said of "Poor Richard" that he practiced what he preached. He was not spoiled by prosperity, for that prosperity was the result of sticking to the common sense rules he had laid down for his life. Franklin's is one of the great historic figures associated with the founding of the republic that have grown in dignity and appreciation with the years.

Californian who would have immigration rationed on the basis of four women to three men presents an original idea, but he has a reason. He says women in the west have too many men to play off against each other. Evidently he has been left out.

Kansas evangelist who went without food for 30 days does not possess the art of loosening pursestrings in his hearers that is the conspicuous attribute of some of the professions.

They have picked out "another" wife for the Prince of Wales. He doesn't have to worry about the matter at all. There are advantages in being a prince.

The United States makes it clear that selling munitions to a constitutionally organized government and selling to rebels are two separate propositions.

Automobile is declared a peace agent. People may get so busy running—and paying for—automobiles that they have no time to go to war.

Editorials From Over the Nation

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Enterprise - Record - Chieftain: Troubled times harass men's souls and it is natural that they should seek relief from anxiety and nervous strain in some form of peace and rest. So men turn to the bankruptcy court which will wipe out—not pay—their debts and leave them free to start their world anew.

There are cases where this course appears justifiable, but as a rule it is wiser to hesitate, to consider your situation a little longer, to talk over matters once more with your creditors. You may find the leap into bankruptcy is not necessary, is not desirable, in fact you cannot afford to take it.

Many Wallows' court men are in debt and there is no ready sale for property. Farming has been unprofitable for various reasons and one discouragement has followed another. But defeat is a state of mind rather than a business condition, and so long as a man refuses to acknowledge himself defeated he can look forward to victory. The soil of farms of the county is just as fertile as it was half a dozen years ago, and sales must come back. Small farms carefully managed were decidedly profitable in 1922.

A man's creditors do not want him to take bankruptcy; they want anything else—but that, as that means the loss of most of their

claims. Their every interest is in leniency, in keeping a man going so that he can pull out. Generally his property will grow back in a few years into values which will pay off all claims and leave him a single best egg for himself.

There is an epidemic of bankruptcy which is not healthy. Let us look ahead a little further, grit our teeth and fight harder. Let us not give up, but continue to carry on.

THE RIGHT COURSE.

Pargo Forum: There may have been some justification in the past for the loose immigration laws of the United States, but there can be no justification in the future. America must safeguard herself. That alone is the basis upon which immigration legislation must be considered.

BRIEF COMMENT

Indianapolis News: This winter's favorite indoor sport seems to be telling it to the grand jury.

Canton Daily News: When women hang standing up for their rights they hardly thought they would be allowed to stand up in the street cars.

Gridley Globe: Germany has cried "Waff! Waff!" so often that the world has become indifferent to her present cries for help.

Detroit News: The problem of the son and daughter who go out every evening isn't much more distressing than the same kind of furnace.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Where's The Error? The following patient's error is cited by the Boston Transcript: "The doctor felt the patient's pulse and declared there was no hope."

Oh! But True. If your appetite's gone And your head's in a whirl—Why in the L. Don't you marry the girl?

The honeymoon is over when he forgets to shave in the morning and she says: "I believe I'll put an onion in the potato salad."

THE DIPLOMA YOU GET FROM THE COLLEGE OF HARD KNOCKS IS USUALLY WORTH SOMETHING.

The college girl's waist, statisticians find, is larger than it used to be. It's not her feet. Nothing is said about her brain.

Junius wonders if the statisticians ever thought about finding out if the college man's arms are any longer—to make up the deficiency.

"They call this the standing army," the soldier dryly remarked after he had stood guard for three hours.

One Armed Drivers. Unholding they run And unholding they whirl—With a head full of muck And an arm full of girl.

Honesty. An honest man is one who reads the titles of some great man's six favorite books and confesses that he never heard of the darned things.

"THEY LET WOMEN VOTE IN OREGON AND THEY'VE SCRAMBLED THE SOBEY" OUT OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY—WHAT A STATE! REMARKED A LA GRANDE MAN.

Junius has heard of durable bells all his life. And yet a new one cropped up the other day that makes others look like wise owls. A man in La Grande wrote a long letter to Home & Lombard, giving valuable orders and describing each item of great length. At the end of the letter he added a postscript in following: "If you do not send this, I have changed my mind." Then he mailed the letter.

One Union man has taken three bottles of corn cure—and he claims it doesn't stop him from drinking at all!

Movie heroes don't have much trouble carrying hobnobs up the cliff. But then, emergency parolade came into use, a good many women are much lighter than they used to be.

Anthony Deolates Carabao MANILA (AP).—Anthony has made such inroads among the work animals, chiefly carabao or water buffalo, in central Luzon that paralysis of agricultural activities in that section. Thousands of carabao have died from the disease in the last few weeks, and all available veterinarians have been detailed to the infected area in an attempt to stamp it out.

"With the \$50,000 just appropriated by the legislature," said Secretary of Agriculture Apostol, "is systematic campaign against anthrax, including careful thorough and complete quarantine and vaccination of every animal in the infected area, is made possible."

GORELIN TAPESTRY SOLD. LONDON (AP).—Two panels of Gobelin tapestry, which formed part of the set of four given to a royal duke of Russia in 1782, were sold at auction recently for \$1,000,000. They are signed by Nelson and bear the dates 1774 and 1775 and came from the collection of Count Scheremetev. An Arts Minor expert from a museum in Constantinople realized 1,500 guineas at the same sale.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



MARSHAL OTEY WALKER LOST HIS HAT STAR, AND ONE BOOT IN THE RUMMUS STARTED BY THE FOUR BOYS WHO RECENTLY MOVED IN THE OLD BENNETT HOUSE ACROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS.



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